

To: Geographic Area Coordination Groups

From: National Multi Agency Coordination Group

Subject: National Preparedness Level 5 Direction and Considerations

The decision was made this morning to elevate the National Preparedness Level to 5, based on national activity and resource commitment levels. This decision initiates specific management direction and considerations that are key at this level of activity:

1. Wildland Fire Use and prescribed fire application can be continued or be initiated if the proposed action is recommended at the Regional or State level. The National Agency Representative will assess risk and impacts of the proposed actions and discuss with NMAC. The final decision to implement resides with the implementing agency.
2. NMAC requires rationale and information for commitment of an Area Command, National Type 1 or Type 2 Incident Management Team prior to mobilization. This also applies to incident management teams within the requesting Area. For example, this would apply to a California Type 1 or Type 2 Incident Management Team being mobilized within California. The rationale must include an identification of the immediate threat to firefighter or public safety along with a short and long term assessment of the risk to communities, which could include threats to natural resources supporting a community.
3. NMAC requires that incident prioritization be documented and submitted daily. An example is attached however; other formats are acceptable if they meet identified information requirements.

Incident Management Team Rationale and Incident Prioritization Information should be emailed to: cod@nifc.blm.gov or faxed to 208-387-5663, Attention Kim Christensen.

Please contact your NMAC Liaison if you have any questions.

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Chair, NMAC

2 Attachments: Incident Management Team Rationale
Incident Prioritization Worksheet